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National Metal and Nonmetal Mine Rescue Contest to be held in Kentucky

ARLINGTON, Va. – The [2014 National Metal and Nonmetal Mine Rescue Contest](#) will be held Aug. 4-7 in Lexington, Kentucky. [Central Kentucky Mine Rescue Association](#), [Kentucky Crushed Stone Association Inc.](#), and [Carmeuse Lime & Stone](#) are hosting this year's competition. The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration will provide the field, written and technical problems. MSHA will judge the competition and determine the team winners.



[Forty teams](#) from 18 states will participate in the competition. The contest will comprise four events: field, technician team, first aid and team trainer test. The competition will take place at the [Lexington Convention Center](#).

In the field competition, five-member teams encounter a mine emergency scenario – such as a mine fire, explosion or roof collapse – and are required to search and account for all missing miners following standard mine rescue procedures. The two-man technician team must ensure that multi-gas and self-contained breathing apparatuses are in proper working condition. In the first-aid competition, teams must be prepared to deal with medical emergency techniques, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation and control of bleeding, as well as the treatment of physical shock, wounds, burns and musculoskeletal injuries. The team trainer test consists of multiple-choice and true-false questions derived from MSHA's [Instructor's Manual for Mine Rescue Training](#).

WHO: Mine Safety and Health Administration
Central Kentucky Mine Rescue Association
Kentucky Crushed Stone Association
Carmeuse Lime & Stone

WHAT: 2014 National Metal and Nonmetal Mine Rescue Contest

WHERE: [Lexington Convention Center](#)
430 W. Vine St.
Lexington, KY 40507

WHEN: Today, Aug. 4 – Registration
Tuesday, Aug. 5, and Wednesday, Aug. 6, 7 a.m. EDT – Field competition
Thursday, Aug. 7

- 7 a.m. EDT – First aid and technician team
- 6:30 p.m. EDT – Awards banquet

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